

Subiectul I (50 points):

A. (24 points) Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct verb forms. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Ten to nine. John's heart sank. That **(1-mean)** _____ he was going to be at least ten minutes late this morning. The week before he **(2-be)** _____ five minutes late three days in a row. What excuse **(3-can)** _____ he give? He couldn't tell the truth: it **(4-not sound)** _____ convincing. Then he began to invent a fantastic excuse: "I'm terribly sorry I'm late, but I **(5-look)** _____ for something decent to put on. Let me tell you what happened. It all began the other day when my wife took all my trousers and my two suits to the cleaner's. As I was going out of the house this morning in my only remaining suit, the dog from next door **(6-attack)** _____ me. I **(7-wear)** _____ my blue suit and it must have thought I was the postman - it can't stand postmen. I managed to fight it off but not before it **(8-tear)** _____ a huge piece out of my trousers. So, there I was with nothing to wear."

B. (26 points) Read the text and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word A, B, C or D. Write your answer on the Answer Sheet.

Tourism in Wales

It is **(1)** _____ that in north Wales 30 per cent of all jobs can be directly attributed to tourism, but the fact that visitors spend their money in a **(2)** _____ of ways has a beneficial effect on other things, too. Many village shops would have to close if they were not supported by **(3)** _____ from tourists, and the money spent on local souvenirs can **(4)** _____ local industries from going out of business. **(5)** _____, tourism also has disadvantages. For example, many of the roads in the Snowdonia area are extremely **(6)** _____ and tourist cars cause traffic jams.

Some farmers and local merchants **(7)** _____ that they make it difficult for them to do their work as car parks full up during **(8)** _____ periods and many visitors cause obstructions by parking across gateways etc. In addition, in the summer, thousands of people use the **(9)** _____ of footpaths across Snowdon and its foothills. Often the grassy **(10)** _____ is worn away, leaving rough stone or mud. This makes the path hard to see, and it can be dangerous to walk on.

Repairing the paths can be very expensive, particularly higher up where **(11)** _____ is difficult.

Nevertheless, the appeal of areas of natural **(12)** _____ to visitors has led to the growth of many organizations dedicated to reducing or balancing these **(13)** _____.

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| 1. A. guessed | B. estimated | C. shown | D. predicted |
| 2. A. selection | B. choice | C. variety | D. difference |
| 3. A. fortune | B. income | C. wages | D. wealth |
| 4. A. prevent | B. damage | C. avoid | D. hurt |
| 5. A. Luckily | B. Finally | C. Generally | D. Unfortunately |
| 6. A. thin | B. narrow | C. slim | D. slender |
| 7. A. decide | B. explain | C. complain | D. choose |
| 8. A. busy | B. important | C. economic | D. tiring |
| 9. A. connection | B. organization | C. union | D. network |
| 10. A. level | B. surface | C. height | D. exterior |
| 11. A. admission | B. entry | C. permission | D. access |
| 12. A. love | B. adoration | C. beauty | D. shine |
| 13. A. drawbacks | B. victories | C. defeats | D. occupations |

Subiectul II (25 points)

Read the text and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to the questions. Write your answer on the Answer Sheet.

UFOs – Have We Been Visited?

On a dark cold winter's evening in 1988, Jon Hicke and Richard Williams were driving to a friend's house near Canterbury when they saw a bright red object glowing above the fields, about 500 metres in front of them. As they drove nearer to investigate, they were amazed to find a large area of molten metal.

Samples of the solidified metal were deeply analyzed. James Radcliff, a specialist, concluded that material such as this could not have come from a meteor, and military experts were quick to point out that it could not have fallen from any airplane or spacecraft; space debris does not hit the earth's surface in a liquid state.

The only factory in the area capable of producing molten metal had recently closed down, and besides, arranging for large quantities of the metal to be dropped from the sky would not be very easy. Clearly, this was not a simple open-and-shut matter.

Unexplained aerial phenomena of this nature have been observed and noted down for centuries, but the modern preoccupation with UFOs began in 1947, when there were an unusually large number of reported sightings. Just over 5% of cases remain unexplained, leading many UFOs experts to the conclusion that aliens have indeed visited our planet.

Secret military activities or rare atmospheric phenomena may account for some of the unexplained sightings, but the origins of others could lie elsewhere. And until the opposite is proved, that 'elsewhere' might include visits from extraterrestrial beings.

1. Which of the following sentences best sums up the writer's views?

- A. Aliens have visited our planet.
- B. All UFO sightings can be explained scientifically.
- C. Alien life forms may exist.
- D. Most UFOs are practical jokes.

2. What are we told about the object which Jon Hicke and Richard Williams witnessed?

- A. It was very hot.
- B. It came up through the ground.
- C. They watched it change from solid to liquid.
- D. It was 500 metres wide.

3. 'it' in line 5 refers to

- A. a meteor.
- B. a spacecraft.
- C. the metal.
- D. the university.

4. What does the writer mean when he says 'this was not a simple open-and-shut' matter? (line 8)

- A. It was a complicated hoax.
- B. The factory was no longer open.
- C. The sighting is still being investigated.
- D. There was no obvious explanation for the incident.

5. Records of mysterious happenings in the sky were first made

- A. 50 years ago.
- B. in 1947.
- C. hundreds of years ago.
- D. In the 1980's.

Subiectul III (25 points) Write a narrative essay ending like this:

'That was certainly one of the most embarrassing moments of my life.'

Give your story an appropriate title and write no more than 120 words (12-15 lines).

Pay attention to the following:

- you don't need long descriptions;
- use dialogues only if they are relevant for your characters or events;
- you should use this plan:
 1. **Introduction** (paragraph 1 - set the scene)
 2. **Main body** (paragraph(s) 2/3 - develop the story)
 3. **Conclusion** (paragraph 4 - end the story)

Don't count the words given in the ending.

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PUNCTAJ ȘI BAREM

I. (50 puncte)

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1 - meant

5 - have been looking

2 - had been

6 - attacked

3 - could

7 - was wearing

4 - wouldn't /didn't sound

8 - had torn/tore

B. (26 puncte)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	C	B	A	D	B	C	A	D	B	D	C	A

II. (25 puncte)

1C 2A 3C 4D 5C

III. (25puncte) Write a narrative essay ending like this: Give your story an appropriate title and write no more than 120 words (12-15 lines) - vezi GRILA PENTRU CORECTAREA LUCRĂRILOR SCRISE (Descriptori) -

NOTA: Pentru punctul I A se acceptă orice variantă posibilă corectă.

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